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Our Case No.: 659-912

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MLINAR ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/034,994

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
WEAKENING A PORTION OF A  
WEB

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit No.: 1772

## THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

<b>U.S. Patent No.</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Patentee</b>
3,716,132	02/1973	LEWYCKYJ
4,946,086	08/1990	SUURONEN ET AL.
4,785,696	11/1988	MARTINY
6,033,353	03/2000	LENCOSKI ET AL.

**Foreign Patent Documents**

<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Country</b>
EP 1 010 503 A2	06/2000	EP

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

1. International Search Report for PCT/US02/20720, mailed on September 23, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is

hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant(s) hereby certify that each item of the information disclosed in this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to filing of the present statement, as evidenced by the date of the enclosed search report.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(3)(i), Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US02/20720, which corresponds to the present application, in order to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of EP 1 010 503 A2, which is not in English.

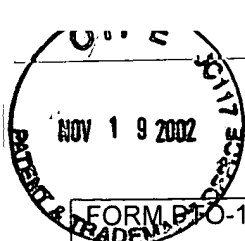
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew D. Stover', written over a horizontal line.

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FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 10/034,994	CASE NO. 659-912
<b>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>	FILING DATE December 28, 2001	GROUP ART UNIT 1772
(use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT(S): MLINAR et al.

## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	D1	3,716,132	02/1973	LEWYCKYJ		
	D2	4,946,086	08/1990	SUURONEN ET AL.		
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

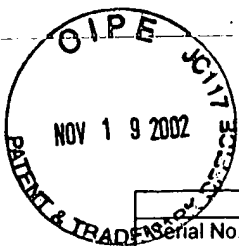
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	D5	EP 1 010 503 A2	06/2000	EP		

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	D6	International Search Report for PCT/US02/20720, mailed on September 23, 2002

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659-912
Serial No. 10/034,994	Filing Date December 28, 2001	Examiner Unassigned	Group Art Unit 1772
Inventor(s) Mlinar et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WEAKENING A PORTION OF A WEB			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; 6 cited references and return postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total		Minus			x \$9=		x \$18=	
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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